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| Applicant's or agent's file reference A1SCHWARTZ1 | | IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION |
| International application No. PCT/US97/06831 | International filing date (day/month/year) 23 APR 97 | Priority date (day/month/year) 23 APR 96 |
| Applicant ASCOM HASLER MAILING SYSTEMS, INC. | | |

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3. A copy of this notification has been sent to the International Bureau and, where the first sentence of paragraph 1 applies, to the receiving Office.

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NOTIFICATION OF STATUS OF
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FILE REFERENCE

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IDENTIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

| International Application Number | International Filing Date | Priority Date Claimed |
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| PCT/US97/06831 | 23 APR 97 | 23 APR 96 |

Applicant for DO/EO/US

Schwartz, Robert

NOTIFICATION

The applicant is hereby advised that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as Designated Office Elected Office has received the following items as of the date of mailing indicated above.

1. U.S. National fee [35 U.S.C.371 (c) (1)]
2. Oath of declaration [35 U.S.C.371 (c) (4)]
3. Copy of International application as filed [35 U.S.C.371 (c) (2)]
4. Translation of Application [35 U.S.C.371 (c) (2)]
5. Amendments under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C.371 (c) (3)]
6. Translation of PCT Article 19 Amendments [35 U.S.C.371 (c) (3)]
7. Search Report or Declaration under PCT Article 17(2) [35 U.S.C.371 (a)]
8. International Preliminary Examination Report and its Annexes, if any, under PCT Article 36(3) (a) [35 U.S.C.371 (a)]
9. Translation of Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36(3) (b) [35 U.S.C.371 (c) (5)]
10. Other items received:
 - Assignment Document Prior Art Statement Preliminary Amendment

A. Requirements for U.S. National processing have been met. Processing will commence

- at the expiration of the applicable time limit under either
 - PCT Article 22 [35 U.S.C.371 (b)] or
 - PCT Article 39 [35 U.S.C.371 (b)]
- on the date indicated below under the provisions of 35 U.S.C.371 (f)

U.S. NATIONAL SERIAL#

DATE UNDER 35 U.S.C.102(e)

DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF
NATIONAL PROCESSING

All correspondence submitted after the date of commencement of U.S. National processing indicated above should refer to the U.S. National Serial Number and the appropriate U.S. National processing organization or Officer.

B. As the above identified application has been accepted for U.S. National processing under the provisions of 35 U.S.C.371 (f) before expiration of the applicable time limit under PCT Article 22 PCT Article 39, applicant is reminded that

- Amendments under PCT Article 19 and/or
- the International Preliminary Examination Report and its Annexes, if any, under PCT Article 36(3) (a), and (b)
- and any translation thereof, if applicable, must be submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office as soon as they are available.

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C. In order that U.S. National processing may begin, certain items must be received by the DO/EO/US by the expiration of the applicable time limit under

- PCT Article 22 or
- PCT Article 39.

Specifically:

- 1. U.S. National Fee
- 2. Oath or Declaration
- 3. Copy of Application
- 4. Translation of Application
- 5. Amendments under PCT Article 19, if any
- 6. Translation of PCT Article 19 Amendments, if applicable
- 7. Search Report or PCT Article 17(2)(a) declaration
- 8. International Preliminary Examination Report and its Annexes, if any, under PCT Article 36(3)(a), if applicable
- 9. Translation of Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36(3)(b), if applicable

THE ABOVE CHECKED ITEMS MUST BE TIMELY RECEIVED TO AVOID ABANDONMENT OF THE APPLICATION. [35 U.S.C.371(d)]

D. Further information for the applicant:

THE ABOVE IDENTIFIED ITEMS ARE NEEDED FOR ENTRY INTO THE NATIONAL STAGE

A REMINDER ONLY

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE
UNITED STATES RECEIVING OFFICE

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| Date | |
| International Application No. | |
| Attorney Docket No. | |

I. Certification under 37 CFR 1.10 (if applicable)

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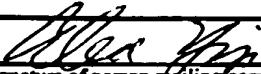
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23 April 1997

Date of Deposit

I hereby certify that the application/correspondence attached hereto is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.



Signature of person mailing correspondence

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II. New International Application

TITLE

SECURE POSTAGE PAYMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD

Earliest priority date
(Day/Month/Year)

23 April 1996

SCREENING DISCLOSURE INFORMATION: In order to assist in screening the accompanying international application for purposes of determining whether a license for foreign transmittal should and could be granted and for other purposes, the following information is supplied. (Note: check as many boxes as apply):

A. The invention disclosed was not made in the United States.
 B. There is no prior U.S. application relating to this invention.
 C. The following prior U.S. application(s) contain subject matter which is related to the invention disclosed in the attached international application. (NOTE: priority to these applications may or may not be claimed on form PCT/RO/101 (Request) and this listing does not constitute a claim for priority)
 See additional application nos. on the attached sheet.

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| application no. | 60/016,082 | filed on | 23 April 1996 |
| application no. | 60/017,911 | filed on | 23 April 1996 |

D. The present international application contains additional subject matter not found in the prior U.S. application(s) identified in paragraph C. above. The additional subject matter is found on pages
 and DOES NOT ALTER MIGHT BE CONSIDERED TO ALTER the general nature of the invention in a manner which would require the U.S. application to have been made available for inspection by the appropriate defense agencies under 35 U.S.C. 181 and 37 CFR 5.1. See 37 CFR 5.15

III. A Response to an Invitation from the RO/US. The following document(s) is(are) enclosed:

A. A Request for An Extension of Time to File a Response
 B. A Power of Attorney (General or Regular)
 C. Replacement pages:

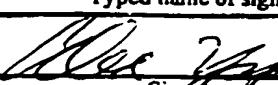
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| pages | of the request (PCT/RO/101) | pages | of the figures |
| pages | of the description | pages | of the abstract |
| pages | of the claims | | |

D. Submission of Priority Documents

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| Priority document | | Priority document | |
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E. Fees as specified on attached Fee Calculation sheet form PCT/RO/101 annex

IV. A Request for Rectification under PCT 91 A Petition A Sequence Listing DisketteV. Other (please specify):

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CONTINUATION OF TRANSMITTAL LETTER
BOX II

prior U.S.
application no. 60/015,528 filed on 23 April 1996
application no. 60/016,760 filed on 3 May 1996